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SUBJECT: GERMANY WORKING WITHIN EU FOR DEMARCHE ON  
NICARAGUAN RECOGNITION OF SOUTH OSSETIA AND ABKHAZIA

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Classified By: POLITICAL DEPUTY MINISTER COUNSELOR STAN OTTO FOR REASON  
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¶1. (C) On 12 September 2008, POLOFFs delivered reftel  
demarche to Christiane Botschen, Deputy Director for Mexico,  
Central America, and the Caribbean at the German Foreign  
Office. Botschen informed POLOFFs that Germany and the EU  
shared the same concerns as the United States about  
Nicaragua's recent recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia,  
and were planning to deliver a Troika level demarche to the  
Nicaraguan Government in Managua. The demarche is being  
prepared in Brussels by the EU working group on Latin America  
and the Caribbean, and is expected to be delivered following  
their next meeting on 16 September. Botschen added that the  
EU is also considering a less formal, discreet demarche to  
other Latin America states, possibly Bolivia and Venezuela,  
whom they suspect may also recognize South Ossetia and  
Abkhazia. Botschen admitted that while Nicaragua's  
recognition is "unacceptable" to the EU and Germany, there is  
little the EU could do to make President Daniel Ortega  
reverse his position.

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